



CROSSROADS

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Town Council
October 12 • 6 p.m.
316 E. Murray St.

Get Down Downtown at the Depot

The Wallace Depot Commission, Carolina Strawberry Festival, Duplin Winery, House of Raeford, DPH General Contractors, LLC, Michael & Mary Hart Blackburn, Gideon Heating & Air and Atlantic Packaging are sponsoring the North Tower Band at the Wallace Depot on October 28!

Plan on bringing your chairs, your appetite and your dancing shoes from 6 - 10 PM. North Tower has been a premier performer in the Raleigh market for years, and plays music to engage audiences that enjoy Beach, Motown, Disco, Funk and Rock.

The Sea Queen Food Truck will be on hand serving shrimp, chicken, burgers, hot dogs, fries and more, and there will be a beer and wine garden with all your favorites.

Make plans to support this inaugural event!

The Wallace Depot Commission Presents

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At the Wallace Train Depot

Month at a Glance



Thelma Dingus Bryant Library
409 West Main Street • Wallace

October Storytime

Thursday at 10:30 am
October 5 - Space/Moon
October 12 - Farms
October 19 - Dinosaurs/Fossils
October 26 - Pumpkins

Libby - Your Online Library!
To use Libby, download the Libby app to your device and sign in using your Thelma Dingus Bryant Library card. Browse the available items, borrow them and enjoy them on Phones, tablets, and Kindles can be used and audio books can play in the car if you have BlueTooth capability.



Wallace proclamation honors Hispanic Heritage Month

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2023
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed and celebrated nationwide from September 15 to October 15 each year, with September 15 being the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; as Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18 respectively; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month is Prosperity, Power and Progress, recognizes the significant achievements of the Hispanic community in business, government and culture; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that Hispanics comprise an estimated 18% of the population of the Town of Wallace and play a vital role in our local economy, workforce as well as in our schools and education system; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wallace is committed to recognize Hispanic culture and heritage as an important element of the Town and it's strong, inclusive community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that September 15 through October 15 be National Hispanic Heritage Month and call for its observance by all residents.

Jason Wells, Mayor
Wallace, North Carolina

J. Nicholson
alder

At the September Wallace Town Council Meeting, Mayor Jason Wells signed a proclamation celebrating September 15 - October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

The mayor noted that Wallace has 28 Hispanic owned businesses and many members of the Hispanic community serving on both the Wallace Police Department and Wallace Volunteer Fire Department.

To learn more about the origins and significance of Hispanic Heritage Month see the video that was played at the meeting at www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKi2GA0lhYQ

Second Saturday at the Wallace Depot

206 SW Railroad St. • Wallace

The Wallace Train Depot will be open on the **second** Saturday of the month from 10 am-Noon! The Model Train Room will be open with an interactive layout that allows children to help run the trains, and the new outdoor Garden Railroad will also be running- weather permitting. The Learning Station at the Depot will be open with lots of activities, including the ride'em Thomas the Train and interactive train table. There are books and activity sheets and more every month at this event!



The Wallace Train Depot is available to rent for birthday parties, weddings and wedding events. For information on prices and availability, please contact the Wallace Area Chamber of Commerce at info@wallacechamber.org or (910) 665-9535.

Save the Dates!

OCTOBER 21st
10am - 2pm
CLEMENT STREET PARK
- WALLACE -

PET DAY IN THE PARK

PET COSTUME CONTEST 11AM
CALL LOUISE SCOTT 434.637.6459

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT 10:30AM
TO SIGN UP EMAIL FEEDMAIL@GMAIL.COM

Brought to You By: Pet Friends of Duplin County

- Games
- Food Trucks
- Vendors
- Freebies
- Animal Services Rescue Truck & Adoption Event

Downtown Wallace Shop Hop

Saturday • October 7
9am - 3 pm
Ticket Price \$40

Your Ticket connects you to Lunch • Coffee • Swag Bag Gifts
Plus Your Personal Invitation to Discounts & Free Gifts
from your favorite Downtown Stores!

Sponsored by the Downtown Wallace Merchants Association

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WPD Cops & Bobbers youth fishing event

FREE EVENT!

ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED

7 OCTOBER 2023
8:30AM - 12PM

REGISTER NOW
wprd.recdesk.com
910-285-2126

FREE FISHING POLE FOR EACH CHILD!



WP&R Youth Football

Football starts young in Duplin County! Come out and cheer on the youngsters on Saturday mornings! Here is the October schedule. Play off games are in November.



Four County Youth Football League

Saturday 10/7

10:00 am - Wallace vs Pender (8U) @ Wallace Legion Stadium
11:15am - Wallace vs Pender (10U)

Saturday 10/14

11:45 am - Wallace vs Richlands (12U) @ North Duplin High School

Saturday 10/21

10:00 am - Wallace vs Richlands (8U) @ Wallace Legion Stadium
11:45 am - Richlands vs Wallace (12U)

Saturday 10/28

9:00 am - Wallace vs Rose Hill (8U) @ Wallace Legion Stadium
10:15 am - Wallace vs James Kenan (12U)

ADMISSION FEE :12 & under – Free /13 & up - \$5.00

COACHES MUST HAVE SHIRT, HAT OR LANYARD THAT IDENTIFIES THEM AS A COACH TO GET IN FREE. FIRST TEAM ON THE SCHEDULE IS CONSIDERED THE HOME TEAM AND SHOULD BE INFORMED TO SIT ON THE HOME SIDE

Francisco Rivas-Diaz honored

Wallace Mayor Pro-Tem Francisco Rivas-Diaz was recently presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his six years of service on the Governor's Advisory Council for Hispanic and Latino Affairs by Governor Roy Cooper. Rivas-Diaz had served on the council since it was formed in 2017.



Governor Roy Cooper (L) recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Wallace Mayor Pro-Tem Francisco Rivas-Diaz, (r)

Additionally Diaz has served or is serving as Town Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem for the Town of Wallace, the 7th Congressional District Democratic Party Chair, board member of the Duplin County Department of Social Services Board, Local State Employees Credit Union Advisory Board, Duplin County Community Foundation, Vidant Duplin Hospital Director's Council Board, Vice President Duplin County School Superintendent's Latino Advisory Committee, President of the Duplin County Rotary Chapter, Faison Scout Troop 48 leader, and Wallace representative to the Duplin Municipal Association.

Wallace Volunteer Fire Department is recruiting new members

The Wallace Volunteer Fire Department is actively recruiting new members. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM at the fire station.

Please reach out to Fire Chief Taylor Johnson at 910-289-5149 or stop by the station on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM to learn more about being a member of our team.

Cops & Bobbers

The Wallace Police Department is excited to announce that Cops & Bobbers is back and will take place on Saturday, October 7 from 8:30 am-Noon in Farior Park at the Boney Mill Pond. Get ready to cast your line and reel in some unforgettable memories!

Whether your child is an experienced angler or beginner, this event is perfect and open to ages 4 through 14. Grab your enthusiasm, friends and family for a day filled with laughter, friendly competition, and prizes.

Our friendly local police officers will be there to join in on the fun and provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all attendees. **Don't worry if you don't have any fishing equipment. We've got you covered! We'll have fishing rods and bait available for use.** Just come with a positive attitude and a willingness to have a great time.

Register at wprd.recdesk.com



Political Yard Signs

Please be aware of the ordinances in town for yard signs being posted in yards and in the right of way. If you are planning to place a yard sign for a business or event, please contact Rod Fritz in the Planning Department at 910-285-4136 for information and code guidelines.

Understand that signs not having prior approval or meeting town guidelines are subject to removal by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Political campaign signs are permitted in the right of way for 30 days prior to election day, and must be removed by 30 days after the election.

From the Town Manager

The Town of Wallace has been working on updating the branding for the Town. The current town seal will continue to be used on official documents, but its intricacy does not work well for other uses.

In July, we ran a survey requesting input from citizens on their thoughts about the town, asking for the one word that comes to mind when thinking of Wallace, what makes Wallace special - and a tag line if they had one.



Wallace Town Manager Rob Taylor



We provided the incentive of a \$250 award to a randomly drawn entry. Feedback was great and we got a lot of great ideas. Mayor Wells presented the award to Teri Carter, the winner of the random drawing.

A team made up of the manager and mayor, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown

Merchants Association and River Landing marketing team reviewed the entries. They honed in on a central theme and it was presented to Town Council at the September meeting for their input and has been approved!



Who To Call

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Rod Fritz

Chief of Police

James Crayton

Fire Chief

Taylor Johnson

Parks & Recreation Director

David Bizzell

Librarian

Thelma Dingus Bryant Library

Jennifer Raynor

FOR PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITY EMERGENCIES

During Normal Business Hours
910-285-4136

After Hours/Nights/Weekends/Holidays
910-285-5927